

Remarks

Claims 1-20 remain in the application. Claims 1-3, 7, 10-17, and 20 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Specification

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the various informalities in the specification. The specification is hereby amended to address each of the informalities pointed out by the Examiner.

The correspondence between reference numbers and designations in the specification is now as follows.

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Designation</u>
10	printing services vending machine
20	LCD touch screen
24	electronic media device
26	payment terminal
38	memory device
42	local hard drive or server
50	method

Objections to the Drawings

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the various informalities the drawings. Applicants are hereby submitting replacement sheets with corrections to the drawings that are necessary to address the informalities.

The replacement sheet for sheet 1 (FIG. 1) renames block 20 as the "LCD touch screen" (instead of the "touch screen").

In the replacement sheet for sheet 2 (FIG. 2.), the “electronic media device” is renumbered as block 24 (instead of 26) and the “payment terminal” is renumbered as block 26 (instead of 24).

The replacement sheet for sheet 3 (FIG. 3) changes “user stores file hard drive or server” to the “local hard drive or server”.

The replacement sheet for sheet 4 (FIG. 4) changes the “electronic media” to the “electronic media device” and renumbers it as block 24 (instead of 26). In addition, the “payment authorization” is changed to the “payment terminal” and is renumbered as block 26 (instead of 24).

Rejection--35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-7 and 10-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Wang (USP 6,535,791). Claims 1-3, 7, 10-17, and 20 are hereby amended to more clearly distinguish the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to the amended claims.

Claim 1, as amended, now recites as follows.

1. A **printing services** device for printing a **user-created** document, the device comprising:
 - a receiver unit configured to receive electronic data that represents the **user-created** document to be printed;
 - a payment authorization unit; and
 - a printer coupled to the receiver and the payment authorization unit, wherein the printer prints the **user-created** document upon indication from the payment authorization unit.

(Emphasis added.)

Claim 1, as hereby amended, is now limited to a **printing services** device for printing a **user-created** document. This limitation is supported by the printing services vending machine 10 disclosed in detail in the specification. That the document is user created is supported, for example, on page 5, lines 11-12

which recites, "The user creates a document using a conventional word processor, spreadsheet, database or any other software package."

In contrast, Wang discloses an "Electronic Information Vending Machine and Method" (Wang, title of invention). As stated in Wang, the electronic information vending machine and method "allows users to purchase various forms of information, such as newspapers, magazines, books, etc., quickly and conveniently at a vending machine or kiosk-type device." (Wang, col. 1, lines 61-65.) As such, Wang does **not** disclose or suggest the claimed **printing services** device for printing a **user-created** document. Instead, Wang discloses a information vending machine for purchasing newspapers and the like. Such a machine serves an entirely different purpose than the claimed invention.

Hence, applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is now patentably distinguished over Wang.

Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1. As such, for at least the same reasons as discussed above in relation to claim 1, claims 2-7 are also now patentably distinguished over Wang.

Claim 10 is hereby amended similarly as claim 1. Claim 10 is now also limited to a **printing services** device for printing a **user-created** document. As such, for at least the same reasons as discussed above in relation to claim 1, claim 10 is also now patentably distinguished over Wang.

Claims 11-13 depend from claim 10. As such, for at least the same reasons as discussed above, claims 11-13 are also now patentably distinguished over Wang.

Claim 14 is a method claim which is also hereby amended similarly as claim 1. Claim 14 is now limited to a **printing services** method for printing a **user-created** document. As such, for at least the same reasons as discussed above in relation to claim 1, claim 14 is also now patentably distinguished over Wang.

Claims 15-20 depend from claim 14. As such, for at least the same reasons as discussed above, claims 15-20 are also now patentably distinguished over Wang.

Rejection--35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Wang in view of Kolls (USP 6,604,087). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to the amended claims.

Claims 8-9 depend from claim 1. As such, claims 8-9 are also now limited to a **printing services** device specifically-designed for printing a **user-created** document.

As discussed above, Wang does **not** disclose or suggest the **printing services** device for printing a **user-created** document as required by the claims. Instead, Wang discloses an information vending machine for purchasing newspapers and the like. Such an information vending machine serves an entirely different purpose than the claimed printing services device.

Similarly, Kolls does **not** disclose or suggest the **printing services** device for printing a **user-created** document as required by the claims. Instead, Kolls relates to "a universal advertising and payment system and method for networking, monitoring and effectuating electronic commerce and controlling vending equipment." (Kolls, abstract, lines 1-4.)

Hence, for the above-discussed reasons, applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 8-9 are now patentably distinguished over the combination of Wang and Kolls.

Conclusion

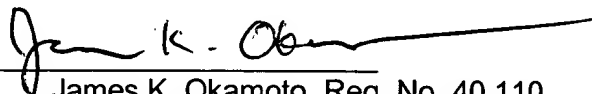
For the above-discussed reasons, applicants believe that claims 1-20 are now patentably distinguished over the cited art. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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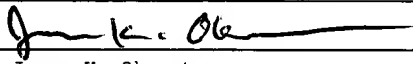
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Amendments to the Drawings

Please substitute the enclosed five replacement sheets, including FIGS. 1 through 5, for the five sheets of the original drawings.